

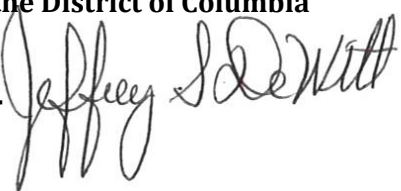
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeff DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: September 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Civil Marriage Dissolution Equality
Clarification Amendment Act of 2014

REFERENCE: Bill 20-793, Draft Committee Print as Shared with the Office of Revenue
Analysis on September 2, 2014

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Under District law,¹ non-resident, same-sex couples who married in the District, but reside in a jurisdiction which does not recognize the marriage can return to the District to dissolve the marriage through a divorce proceeding.

The bill clarifies that same-sex couples who marry in the District can also pursue legal separation in District courts to dissolve the marriage. Additionally, the bill makes it clear that DC courts can weigh in on matters of alimony and assignment and equitable distribution of property and child-custody determinations in the case of same sex marriage dissolutions.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill's provisions are clarifications to existing law and there are no costs associated with their implementation.

¹ Civil Marriage Dissolution Equality Act of 2012, effective May 31, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-133; D.C. Official Code § 16-902(b)).